

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-84

For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1689

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

Effective September 18, 2002, counties in the State of Tennessee were designated as a natural disaster area due to losses caused by flooding that occurred from May 20th through June 15th 2002.

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent States that are contiguous to the primary counties in Tennessee are named as contiguous disaster counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for EM loan assistance. The Arkansas county(s) are:

Crittenden

2 Action

Emergency loan applications will be received through May 19, 2003, for physical and production losses; and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under Direct Loan Making 3-FLP.

This determination is coded S1689.

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2 Action (Continued)

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is May 20, 2002.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

3 Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist at 501-301-3035. Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

4 Filing Instructions

File this notice preceding handbook 3-FLP.

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Arkansas County Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., September 18, 2002 -- Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman approved counties in Tennessee to be eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans due to losses caused by flooding that occurred on May 20th through June 15th 2002.

In addition to the Tennessee counties named as primary disaster areas, the following Arkansas county is also eligible being contiguous:

Crittenden

Farmers in the disaster area's have until May 19, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.